

#31 THE BOXER 4/4 KEY OF C
(Paul Simon)

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INTRO: C //// ////

C **Am**
I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told
G
I have squandered my resistance
F **C**
For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises (4,1234,1)
Am **G** **F**
All lies and jest still a man hears what he wants to hear
C **G**
And disregards the rest hm hm hm hm-hm hm-hm (34)
F **G** **C**
Hm hm-hm hm...(234,1234,1234,123)

C **Am**
When I left my home and family I was no more than a boy
G
In the company of strangers
F **C**
In the quiet of a railway station running scared (4,1234,12)
Am **G** **F** **C**
Laying low seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go
G **F** **G** **C**
Looking for the places only they would know (234,12)

Am **G**
Lie la-lie (Boom) Lie la-lie la lie la lie
Am **G** **C**
Lie la-lie (Boom) Lie la-lie la lie la lie la la la-la lie (234,1234,1234,12)

C **Am**
Asking only workman's wages I come looking for a job
G
But I get no offers (34,123)
F **C**
Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue (4,1234,1)
Am **G** **F** **C**
I do declare there were times when I was so lonesome I took some comfort there
G **F** **G** **C**
La-la-la la la-la la (234) // // (1234,12)

Lie la-lie ^{Am} (Boom) Lie la-lie ^G la lie la lie
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Then I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone ^{Am}
 Going home ^G (234,123) where the New York City winters aren't bleeding me ^C
 Leading me..ee ^G ^{Am} (234,12) Going home ^G (234,1234) // // ^F ^G ^C (1234,1234,1234,123)

In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade ^{Am}
 And he carries the reminders ^G
 Of ev'ry glove that laid him down or cut him till he cried out ^F ^C
 In his anger and his shame ^{Am}
 "I am leaving, I am leaving." but the fighter still remains ^G ^F ^C
 Do do do (234,1234) // // (1234,12)

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